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BRUSSELS ALSO FOR USEEC; BELGRADE FOR CSCE DELEGATION

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: CSCE, NATO
SUBJECT: CSCE -- FRG SUGGESTION FOR DOCUMENTATION ON HUMAN
RIGHTS

REF: (A) STATE 132824 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 137366

1. AT JUNE 14 POLADS MEETING, FRG REP PROPOSED THAT -- IN
VIEW OF PERSISTENT PUBLIC INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS --
ALLIES SHOULD PREPARE FULLER DOCUMENTATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
IN PREPARATION FOR BELGRADE MAIN MEETING. IN PARTI-
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CULAR, FRG REP THOUGHT, ALLIES SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON
WARSAW PACT COUNTRY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOLLOWING
RIGHTS:

--FREEDOM OF THOUGHT;

--FREEDOM OF RELIGION;

--FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION ON NATIONAL AND RACIAL
GROUNDS;

--THE RIGHT TO FREE EMIGRATION.

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2. TO COMPILE SUCH INFORMATION, FRG REP SUGGESTED THAT THE
NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) DRAFT A SHORT AND CONCISE
QUESTIONNAIRE WHICH COULD, IF THE ALLIES AGREE, BE SENT TO
ALLIED EMBASSIES IN EASTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS TO BE
ANSWERED COLLECTIVELY IN THE SAME MANNER AS EARLIER QUES-
TIONNAIRES ON HUMAN CONTACTS (ISD/140) AND INFORM-
ATION (ISD/144).

3. DUTCH REP POINTED OUT THAT ALLIED COORDINATION IN EE
CAPITALS HAD BEEN LESS THAN PERFECT IN COMPLETING EARLIER
QUESTIONNAIRES AND THOUGHT THAT, IF THE FRG SUGGESTION FOR
A HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONNAIRE IS ACCEPTED, A MORE RAPID
REPORTING SYSTEM WAS NEEDED.

4. COMMENT: THE GERMAN CONCERN ABOUT DOCUMENTATION ON
HUMAN RIGHTS MAY BE RELATED TO THE DOMESTIC SENSI-
TIVITY OF THIS MATTER WHICH MEYER-LANDRUT INDICATED IN HIS
RECENT WASHINGTON TALKS (REF B).

5. WE ARE SOMEWHAT CONCERNED ABOUT ADDITIONAL WORKLOAD
WHICH HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONNAIRE MIGHT ENTAIL, AND BELIEVE
WE SHOULD SEEK TO HAVE POLADS CONCENTRATE ON THE CSCE WORK
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PROGRAM ALREADY OUTLINED (REF A). SHOULD AN ALLIED CONSEN-
SUS FAVORABLE TO THE FRG SUGGESTION DEVELOP, WE BELIEVE WE
SHOULD NOT OPPOSE IT, AND SHOULD LET THE IS TRY ITS HAND
AT PREPARING A BRIEF AND UNCOMPLICATED QUESTIONNAIRE, TO
WHICH RESPONSES FROM EE POSTS COULD BE CABLED. END COMMENT.

6. ACTION REQUEST: WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON THIS
MATTER, IF POSSIBLE, IN TIME FOR POLADS DISCUSSION OF CSCE
ON JUNE 23. STREATOR

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